8. Difficulties experienced by the Pulayas due to want of house-sites and measures to be adopted by the Protector of Depressed classes for removing the same.

MR. AYYAN KALI (*Nominated*) said that the Pulayas were still experiencing difficulties in getting lands registered. The Pulayas did not generally like to shift their abodes. The member therefore prayed that the lands occupied by them, not more than 8 cents in extent in each case, be acquired and assigned to the occupants and that the compensation paid be recovered from the assignees in four or five instalments.

His next prayer was for the assignment, on concessional terms, of an extent of 100 cents of land in the Trivandrum town for the construction of a building for the common use of the Pulayas.

Another request of the member was that the survey charges for the lands assigned on concessional terms should be remitted.

Lastly, a certain percentage of the swampy areas within reserved forests might be set apart for Pulayas and assigned to them on concessional terms.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ayyan Kali, you want land in Trivandrum. You may apply through the proper channel in the ordinary way; and Government will see what they can do.

9. Assignment of lands to depressed classes.

MR. KANDAN KUMARAN (*Nominated*) said that the applications put in by Parayas for the assignment of lands on concessional terms in accordance with the orders of Government had not all been disposed of. Orders should be passed to see that these applications were promptly disposed of and that the lands applied for by them were not sold in auction.

An extent of about 32 acres of land comprised in Survey Nos. 627/1 and 630/2 of the Kunnattur pakuthi, Kunnattur taluk, was occupied by Parayas who have put up thereon, residential buildings, a *Bhajanamatam*, a school, etc. But owing to the influence of the authorities of the adjoining Catholic Church, *poramboke* cases were taken against them and proceedings started for evicting them from the land. It would be very hard if these occupants were evicted therefrom. If the idea of Government was to reserve this as a grazing block, the member said that there were other blocks of land available for the purpose in the same taluk. The land occupied by the Parayas might therefore be assigned to them.

Orders should also be passed for assigning an extent of 87 acres of land disafforested from the forests in the Changanachery taluk and proceedings for the registry of which in the names of Parayas were already in progress.

An extent of 35 acres of land included in the Karikattur reserve and known as *Nedunkavu vayal* was available for registry. It was adjacent to registered lands and not of any use as forest land. For some

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reason or other, the Disafforestation Committee did not recommend this block for disafforestation. This might be excluded from the reserve and registered in the names of Parayas.

The Parayas had applied for the registry of about 476 acres of land in the Takazhi and Prakad pakuthies of the Ambalapuzha taluk. These applications had not yet been disposed of. They should be granted without further delay. Similarly, the applications for lands in the Todupuzha, Muvattupuzha, Peermade, Devicolam, Changanachery, Pattanamtitta, Kunnattur, Pattanapuram, Kottarakara, Nedumangad and Vilavankod taluks should also be disposed of as early as possible.

Lastly, the member requested that an extent of 51 cents of land from Survey No. 515/3-D. of the Tiruvella pakuthi might be assigned to the Paraya community for putting up a *Bhajanamatam*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kandan Kumaran, lands are earmarked in almost every taluk for assignment to depressed classes and an extent of 12,000 acres is available within the earmarked areas. Occasionally, lands are also assigned outside these earmarked areas. If applications are made for lands where available, they will be considered, and if there is no objection, they will be granted. It very often happens that wrong lands are asked for; and if these are refused, that cannot be helped.

10. Assignment of lands to Kuravas.

MR. NARAYANAN RAMAN (*Nominated*) said that the depressed classes were subject to great difficulties in getting lands assigned under the concessional terms. The lands earmarked for assignment to depressed classes were rocky and unfit for cultivation. Fertile lands adjacent to the earmarked lands were not assigned to the depressed classes. An extent of 19 acres of land in Survey No. 1/859 of the Kunnattur pakuthi was occupied by Kuravas and improved by them. But the Government were taking steps to evict them on the ground that the land was required for grazing purposes. It would be very hard if the occupants were evicted from the land improved by them. This should be assigned to them. An extent of 1,168 acres of land in Survey No. 432/1 of the Koduman pakuthi included in a reserve was available for registry. This pakuthi was largely inhabited by Kuravas who were homeless. An extent of 500 acres from the aforesaid Survey No. might be disafforested and assigned to the Kuravas of the locality. Although this land was within a reserve, it was occupied by influential and rich persons.

His next request was that the lands applied for by Kuravas should not be assigned to others or sold in auction.

Lastly, he requested that each Tahsildar be asked to send the member a list of lands earmarked for registry to depressed classes in his taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman, concessions in the matter of assignment of lands have been granted to your people as well as to others. If you want any particular lands, you may put in applications r the m and they will be considered.

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